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SUBJECT: ZHIVKOV INVITATION TO PRESIDENT

REF: A. SOFIA 1867; B. SOFIA 1893

1. SUMMARY: POPOV CALLED ON DEPUTY ASST SECY ARMITAGE OCTOBER 16 TO DELIVER (1) A LETTER FROM ZHIVKOV TO PRESIDENT INVITING HIM TO VISIT BULGARIA, (2) ANOTHER MESSAGE THANKING THE PRESIDENT FOR HIS CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE ON BULGARIA'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY, AND (3) DRAFT TEXT OF AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, EDUCATION AND CULTURE. END SUMMARY.

2. TEXT OF ZHIVKOV LETTER OF INVITATION, WHICH ZHIVKOV HAD INTENDED TO BE DELIVERED PERSONALLY BY DEPUTY PREMIER POPOV DURING RECENT WASHINGTON VISIT, IS AS FOLLOWS:
BEGIN TEXT. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: IT IS A PLEASURE TO AVAIL MYSELF OF THE OFFICIAL VISIT OF THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA PROF. IVAN POPOV TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO CON-
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GRATULATE YOU, ONCE AGAIN, MOST CORDIALLY AND TO WISH YOU

SUCCESS IN YOUR RESPONSIBLE MISSION AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SATISFACTION WITH THE PROCESS OF POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES DURING THE PAST FEW YEARS AND TO UNDERLINE MY PROFOUND BELIEF IN THE EXISTENCE

OF FAVORABLE CONDITIONS FOR THIS PROCESS TO CONTINUE TO THE INTEREST OF THE TWO NATIONS. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE TALKS WHICH WILL BE HELD IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WILL BE A CONSIDERABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF MUTUAL RELATIONS. I BELIEVE THAT CONTACTS BETWEEN THE RESPONSIBLE STATESMEN OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES AT SUMMIT LEVEL ARE AN IMPORTANT FACTOR FOR CREATING GOOD, FRIENDLY TIES AND IT IS A PLEASURE FOR ME, MR. PRESIDENT, TO INVITE YOU TO VISIT THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA AT A TIME CONVENIENT TO YOU.

THIS WOULD ENABLE YOU TO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH THE LIFE OF THE BULGARIAN PEOPLE, WITH THEIR PEACEFUL AND CONSTRUCTIVE WORK, WITH THEIR AIMS AND ASPIRATIONS. WE COULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF REVIEWING A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES CONCERNING BILATERAL RELATIONS AND THIS WOULD GIVE A GREAT IMPETUS TO THEIR POSITIVE AND MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS DEVELOPMENT. PLEASE ACCEPT, MR. PRESIDENT, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. SIGNED: TODOR ZHIVKOV, PRESIDENT OF THE STATE COUNCIL OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA. END TEXT.

3. TEXT OF ZHIVKOV'S RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ON 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF BPR IS AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT, I THANK YOU CORDIALLY FOR YOUR GREETINGS AND GOOD WISHES ADDRESSED TO ME AND TO THE BULGARIAN PEOPLE ON THE OCCASION OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL DAY OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA. SINCERELY YOURS, TODOR ZHIVKOV. END TEXT.

4. DRAFT EXCHANGES AGREEMENT IS GENERAL IN SCOPE AND APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN HASTILY PUT TOGETHER TO TRY TO SATISFY OUR PREFERENCE FOR AN OMNIBUS AGREEMENT COVERING EDUCATION, CULTURE, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND OTHER
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FIELDS. WE WOULD HAVE PROBLEM WITH IDEA OF JOINT COMMISSION TO OVERSEE CONDUCT OF PROGRAMS UNDER EVENTUAL AGREEMENT BUT COULD PROBABLY WORK OUT SATISFACTORY ALTERNATIVE ONCE WE GOT AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE. TEXT OF DRAFT AGREEMENT BEING POUCHED TO EMBASSY. ARMITAGE TOLD AMB POPOV WE WILL GIVE THIS DRAFT OUR ATTENTION, ADDING THAT WE DO NOT KNOW RIGHT NOW WHEN WE WILL BE ABLE TO RESPOND.

5. AMB POPOV DID NOT MENTION DISSATISFACTION OF IVAN POPOV IN NOT MEETING WITH PRESIDENT. ARMITAGE NOTED THAT DURING WASHINGTON VISIT POPOV AND LUKANOV HAD RAISED QUESTION

OF OPENING ONE-MAN COMMERCIAL OFFICES IN CHICAGO AND SAN FRANCISCO AND ASKED WHETHER ONE OF THE TWO CITIES HAD PRIORITY WITH THE BULGARIANS. POPOV DID NOT KNOW BUT SAID THAT BOTH PLACES ARE IMPORTANT AND THAT HE WOULD SEND AIDE MEMOIRE ON SUBJECT.

6. POPOV REPORTED THAT IMPORTANT CONTACTS HAD BEEN MADE BY POPOV DELEGATION AND SEVERAL IMPORTANT PRELIMINARY AGREEMENTS SIGNED. ALL DISCUSSIONS WERE QUOTE SUBSTANTIAL UNQUOTE, EVEN TO POINT THAT THEY CONTINUED IN MANY CASES TO AIRPORT. HE CONCLUDED THAT EVERYTHING DEPENDS IN FINAL ANALYSIS ON OUTCOME OF TRADE BILL. ARMITAGE SAID THAT, WHILE BILL PROBABLY WILL NOT GET OUT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE BEFORE RECESS, IT WILL BE AT TOP OF ADMINISTRATION'S AGENDA WHEN CONGRESS RECONVENES IN NOVEMBER. POPOV'S FINAL COMMENT WAS THAT TALK WHICH LUKANOV AND KALINOV HAD WITH BONDHOLDERS COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOODS ON SEPTEMBER 26 WAS PRODUCTIVE AND THEY THINK THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM IN REACHING SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT. RE REF B, WOODS TOLD DEPARTMENT TODAY THAT HIS PLANNED OCTOBER 2 TRIP TO BUDAPEST HAD BEEN POSTPONED AND HE IS NOT CERTAIN WHEN HE CAN VISIT SOFIA.

7. RE PARA 4 REF A, SECRETARY BUTZ EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR INVITATION BUT WAS NONCOMMITTAL ABOUT ACCEPTING. INGERSOLL

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